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BRUTAL ASSAULT ON JNO. WICKS.

Six Men Take Him Out And
Beat Him With
Sticks.

AT WM. WEST'S HOUSE.

Forced to Leave in the Night
Time for Hopkinsville
Under Threats.

John W. Wicks, a tobacco buyer of this city, was assaulted by six men near Pilot Rock Wednesday night and severely beaten with a stick and threatened with death if he returned to the neighborhood.

Mr. Wicks was spending the night at the house of William West, an independent farmer, and the men came about 12:30 o'clock and knocked loudly at the door. The house was a small one and the noise soon aroused Mr. and Mrs. West and Mr. Wicks. They called 'Wicks! Wicks!' and when West went to the door after they had threatened to break it down, they told him they did not want him but wanted Wicks. Mr. Wicks went to the door and two of them showed shot guns against his sides, while a third grabbed him and pulled him out in his night clothes. They refused to let him get his clothes but ordered West to go to the stable and bring Wicks' horse. Mrs. West went with her husband, being almost overcome with fear and excitement. While they were gone Wicks was allowed to put on his clothes. Then they blind-folded him and led him and his horse some distance from the house and after making him remove his overcoat and hat they proceeded to assault him in a brutal manner with a stick. Two of them in turn wielded the stick, striking him in all thirty or more blows. His body was bruised and the skin abraded in some places.

He was cursed and abused and ordered to leave for Hopkinsville, after threats that he would be hanged if he came to the neighborhood again.

All of the gang were masked and on foot. They evidently lived in the vicinity where the outrage occurred.

The cowardly nature of the outrage can be appreciated when it is known that Mr. Wicks is a man of slight and frail physique, and is 57 years of age. He was unarmed and is a man of genial nature, inoffensive in the extreme and is a kind-hearted and peaceful citizen. He has for many years been a tobacco buyer for Tandy & Fairleigh. He was born and raised in that section of the county, but has lived here for a number of years.

Steps have been taken to get a reward of \$500 offered by the governor and \$200 by the county judge for the apprehension of each of the guilty parties.

We Have
New Crop
**SUGAR
HOUSE**
Open Kettle
MOLASSES
They are Fine
Can't We Send You
a Few.
**W. T. COOPER
& Co.,**
Wholesale and Retail Grocers.

HORSEMEN FROM POND RIVER PARADE THE STREETS THURSDAY

Marched to Town In a Body and Held a Meeting at the
Court House, Which Was Addressed By Judge
W. T. Fowler and Others.

THERE WERE 137 IN THE LINE OF MARCH

Declared Their Purposes to Be Peaceful—Resolutions Pre-
sented to Tobacco Buyers and Both Sides Give
Mutual Assurances.

Hopkinsville was visited by a body of farmers from the northeastern part of the county Thursday. They mobilized at the Greenville road bridge and came into town about 11 o'clock. News had preceded them that they were coming and a good crowd was on the streets when they arrived, but there was no excitement apparent. The farmers marched out Campbell street, two abreast, thence across Eighteenth to Main and down Main to Fourth, where the party disbanded and went to various stables to put up their horses.

There were 116 on horseback and 21 in eleven buggies bringing up the rear. The riders were nearly all from Christian county and many of them called to friends on the street at they passed. It appeared to be a good natured and entirely harmless crowd. At the head of the cavalcade rode County Assessor Henry C. Helsley, County chairman of the American Society of Equity, and George W. Barnes, a merchant at Carl, who is the Bluff Springs district committeeman of the Planters' association. Both are prominent Republican politicians of the northern part of the county. Of the 137 men and boys in line about 30, according to a statement of one of the men in line, were members of the society of equity. The rest belonged to the organization.

Many of the riders were on mules and some had sacks of corn across their saddles. They rode close together and made no hostile demonstration. As soon as they disbanded they arranged for a meeting at the courthouse at one o'clock.

The Public Meeting.

They were a little late in assembling, but about 150 were on hand by 1:20, some having come in who did not ride in the parade. About 100 spectators also swelled the crowd.

Geo. W. Barnes called the meeting to order and nominated H. C. Helsley for chairman. He was elected by a show of hands. On motion F. B. McCown, who had not been in the parade, was made secretary.

Mr. Helsley made a very conservative speech. He said the object of the meeting was altogether peaceful. They desired to appoint a committee to wait upon the tobacco buyers and request them not to buy any tobacco pledged to either association. That they came as good citizens, opposed to night riding and violence and against any kind of dirty work at night, such as burning barns, whipping men or adding to the burdens of poor men. That they believed in going to the fountain head and having a business understanding. He said they believed the farmers should organize, as all other lines of business were organized for mutual protection, that they should all stand together as one man. He reiterated the purpose of the meeting and said that after they had asked the buyers not to buy any pooled tobacco or to receive it if their agents bought it, they were ready to return peacefully to their homes. That, he said "is all this movement is for." We have been informed that some buyers have been down in our country trying to buy tobacco that was signed up. We don't want this done, but we don't want to harm anyone or do any violence of any kind.

Rev. T. T. Powell.

Rev. T. T. Powell, a Baptist minister, of Barnes, was called on and

made a brief talk along the same lines. He said the men were not in town with any ill feeling, but to make a simple request. That most of them were farmers, depending on their crops for a living. He said he had heard that some people feared they would do damage at night, but everybody intended to go home and no fear need be entertained (applause) Continuing he said: "I am not a night rider, though I do a good deal of riding at night. I had to ride some distance last night to marry a couple. That's the only kind I do."

W. T. Fowler.

Judge Fowler being called for responded in a most conciliatory speech. He expressed his pleasure that the company's purposes were so peaceful and counseled wisdom, conservatism and above all a rigid observance of the law in all they did. He said they had the right as citizens to meet and make a petition in an orderly manner, but any intimidation would be unlawful and he was sure they would do nothing of that kind.

Resolutions Adopted

The following committeemen were appointed to wait on the tobacco men: H. C. Helsley, J. T. Lile, M. H. Dukes, G. W. Barnes, G. B. Powell, T. T. Powell and F. B. McCown.

The following resolution was adopted, after which the meeting adjourned:

To Tandy & Fairleigh, the Imperial Tobacco Co., and all other Tobacco Dealers, Buyers and Brokers, Contractors and Agents doing business in Hopkinsville, Ky:—

Whereas, if your agents and employees have gone among the members of the American Society of Equity and the members of the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association of various sections of Christian county and have, by misrepresentation and falsifying, induced such members to sell to them and to you their respective crops of tobacco which had been heretofore pledged to said associations, and have made repeated efforts to persuade members to violate their pledge:

And believing that these agents have withheld and concealed facts from you, and that if these facts were brought to your notice you would at once correct them, the undersigned committee appointed in mass convention assembled at the court house in Hopkinsville, Ky., on Thursday, Nov. 14, 1907, which meeting represented a body of members from both organizations, hereby request you to instruct all your agents buying in this county not to further procure their membership to violate their contracts and pledges; and do further request that you surrender all such contracts back to said planters.

This notice is given in a spirit of fair dealing, and carries with it no implication or intention of threat or violence. We believe you are, with few exceptions, a class of men who have the interests of our people at heart, at least are willing to give us a fair chance in the battle of life, and you will recognize the justice of this request.

Five of the committeemen with Geo. W. Barnes as spokesman then waited upon the buyers named and several others and presented the typewritten petition.

Mr. E. R. Conway, manager of the

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TABERNACLE,

Saturday Night,
November 16th.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

**FREDERICK
W A R D E.**

Prices, General Admission 50c, Reserved Seats 75c,
Public School Pupils, 35c general admission.

Secure Your Seats at Anderson & Fowler's.

TO MARRY WEDNESDAY

Mexico Man to Take Hop-
kinsville Belle For
His Bride.

CUPID'S SILENT WORK.

New Additions to List of
Marriages For This
Month.

Rumor has it that Miss Alise Dabney, of this city, and Mr. O. T. Wesendorf, of Monterey, Mexico, will be married next Wednesday morning.

The announcement will be a surprise to many of the more intimate friends and acquaintances of Miss Dabney, who, after studying in Berlin a year and returning to Hopkinsville about a year since, has been one of the most popular young laeies in society. She is one of the most refined, beautiful and cultured of Hopkinsville's debutantes and will be greatly missed in the circle in which she has moved. She is the daughter of ex-Mayor and Mrs. Frank W. Dabney.

The groom came here and registered at Hotel Latham last Wednesday. The union will be the consummation of a love affair of more than three years, but the event was not to have been celebrated for some time in the future. Mr. Wesendorf has been here several times to visit his fiancée, but it is said that when they met after his arrival he had come to the conclusion that he would not again return to Monterey alone. By persistent pleading he at last won Miss Dabney's consent to an immediate wedding and next Wednesday morning was the time agreed upon.

Mr. Wesendorf is a wealthy young gentleman of Monterey, and is a nephew of Mrs. Bertie Gant, of Mexico, who has been visiting in the city for two or three months. After their marriage, the bride and groom will go to Monterey to make their home.

The other marriages to take place on the same day will be: Dan Young and Miss Inez Moore at Los Angeles, Cal; E. Stanley Long to Miss Sarah Hopkins Beverly, at Henderson; A. B. Anderson to Miss Harriet M. Bandy, at Danville, Ill. Invitations are also out for the marriage of Miss Mildred Hubbard to Dr. Carlos C. Stevens, in this city, on Wednesday morning, November 27th.

SUPERVISORS.

New Board for Year Ap-
pointed Tuesday.

The county board of supervisors of tax lists for the year 1907 was appointed Tuesday and is as follows: L. L. Leavell, W. A. Glass, John P. Prowse, J. M. Starling, J. T. Walker, John R. Marquess and A. C. Brent, col. The new board will meet in this city the first Monday in January and will be in session ten days. After adjournment a recess of ten days will be taken, after which the board will reconvene for a five-days' session to hear grievances and complaints, if any.

YOUR WILL

should be cautiously guarded; it should be placed beyond the reach of those who might be interested in its disappearance. These documents, you know, sometimes mysteriously vanish. But they are always safe when deposited in our vault.

BANK OF HOPKINSVILLE,
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Henry C. Gant, President. J. E. McPherson, Cashier.
H. L. McPherson, Asst-Cashier.

E. B. LONG, President. W. T. TANDY, Cashier.

CITY BANK

Capital, \$60,000.00
Surplus, \$70,000.00

This Bank ranks among the first in the state of Kentucky in proportion of surplus to capital.

In Surplus there is Strength.

We invite your account as a safe depository for your funds. Deposit your valuable papers in our vault—safe from fire and burglars.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

HOPKINSVILLE - - - KENTUCKY.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY.

The Only National Bank in This Community

Capital and Surplus	\$100,000.00
Stockholders Liability	75,000.00
U. S. Bonds	50,000.00
Other Bonds	3,000.00
Notes and Bills	250,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures	22,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks	80,000.00
Total	\$580,000.00

Nearly Six Hundred Thousand Dollars to Secure Depositors.

Three Per Cent Paid on Savings and Time Deposits.

Save Your Money

Be Happy. Be Wise.

Moneysaved is money made. We pay 3 per cent. on Time Certificates of Deposit for six or twelve months. We want your business, no matter how small. We extend to every one the same courteous treatment. Now is the time to open an account with the

Planters Bank & Trust Co.

Also acts as Administrator, Executor, Trustee, Guardian, and Agent. Will take care of your valuable papers, and lend you money on real estate or personal security.

BUYS AND SELLS REAL ESTATE.

JUDGE LANDES

Suffered a Relapse Wednesday and Condition Critical.

Judge J. I. Landes, who has been confined to his bed for two months with some chronic trouble, sat up some during this week, but suffered a relapse Wednesday. His condition yesterday morning was such as to cause much anxiety among his friends.

Franklin-Allen.

County Clerk Campbell issued license Thursday for the marriage of L. M. Franklin and Miss Edith Allen.

CARRIE NATION

Raised Largest Sum Ever Given For Prohibition.

It is well known that Mrs. Carrie Nation, who spent the day here last Sunday, generally raises a breeze wherever she goes. After leaving this city she went to Nashville and took part in the proceedings of the W. C. T. U. Through her efforts the sum of \$6,500 was subscribed just before the convention adjourned.

Will Preach at Rich.

The Rev. G. H. C. Stoney will preach at Rich Christian church on the third and fourth Sundays in November.